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SUBJECT: SEATO: 19TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

(INT19M)

CINCPAC ALSO PASS POLAD

REF: A. BANGKOK 16388

B. STATE 209102

C. USMILADREP'S 240725Z OCT 73 (NOTAL)

1. AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INFORMED CMPO ON OCTOBER 24 AND 25, RESPECTIVELY, THAT THEY FAVORED CANCELLING INT19M IN VIEW 18TH COUNCIL MEETING DECISION REGARDING COMBINING CIVIL AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE MEETINGS. THEY SAID THAT, IF INT19M HELD, THEY WOULD NOT SEND DELEGATES BUT WOULD POSSIBLE HAVE THEIR MILADREPS ATTEND AS OBSERVERS DURING DISCUSSIONS ON FUTURE SEATO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS. CMPO RECOMMENDED TO MILADS (REFTEL C) THAT INT19M PROCEED AS SCHEDULED, AND UNLESS HE HEARD TO THE CONTRARY BY OCTOBER 26, WOULD ASSUME MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE.

2. SEATO CONVENED SPECIAL MEETING OF PWG AND MILADREPS OCTOBER 25 TO RESOLVE ISSUE. PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, UK AND US FAVORED HOLDING
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OF INT19M CONSIDERING ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY COMPLETED

AT SEATO HQS FOR MEETING, VARIOUS NATIONAL DELEGATION ALREADY
ENROUTE AND DESIRABILITY OF PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSING FUTURE SEATO
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS. (CINCPAC HAD PREVIOUSLY
INFORMED ACTING USMILADREP THAT IT FAVORED HOLDING INT19M AS
SCHEDULED). SINCE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS HOLDING INT19M
IT WAS DECIDED TO PROCEED AS SCHEDULED OCTOBER 29 UNLESS OTHER
THAN AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MILADS REQUESTED CANCELLATION.
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